

Sinclair Broadcasting has once again crossed way over the line of fairness and responsibility. As media owners, they are legally responsible to serve the public interest. Forcing their stations to air anti-Kerry programming days before the election is a clear violation of the public trust and another example of the dangers of media consolidation. Allowing a very small group of individuals to have and abuse such power endangers the freedom of all Americans.

Sinclair further abuses their power by showing material of questionable accuracy and billing it as news. This type of material should only be aired in such a way that it is made clear to all that it is not a news documentary, and certainly not so close to the election. Sinclair is obviously trying to illegally influence the election. This could also be viewed as an illegal corporate contribution.

Material such as this should also only be allowed on the air in combination with more serious, more responsible programming showing the other side such as "Going Upriver", a true documentary with a great reputation.

Sinclair should not be allowed to air this material at this time. Their continuing history of abuse requires a serious review before they are allowed to renew their license.

I thank you for your consideration and prompt action.